

# The Messenger



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The Newsletter of The United Church of Sandwich

*"Passionately united to feed all people — body, mind and spirit —  
To the glory of God!"*

*From the Pastor ...*

## **What are the three simple rules?**

Our spiritual guide during Lent will be a study of "three simple rules" — easy to remember yet profound in their implications — rules which originate with Methodist founder John Wesley.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday (see below), and continuing through the Sundays of Lent, our theme will be understanding and practicing these rules in our lives.

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

I hope that this will become an "all church study" — that we will direct our energies toward understanding how these simple rules might help us lead a more faithful life.

In addition to introducing these themes on Sunday morning, we will also organize some small group discussions based on the three rules. Days and times will be announced.

There will be a study guide available for you to purchase if you choose, and other materials that we will present in the discussion groups.

I believe that the aim of the Christian life is *holiness*: using the gifts God has given you to live a life devoted to his honor and glory. Join me in considering how these "three simple rules" might help us on that journey toward God's perfect love.

*Steve Mindrup*

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simple  
rules:

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2. Do good.
3. Stay in love  
with God.



## **Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 pm**

We will begin our Lenten devotions with a service of imposition of ashes and Holy Communion, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7:00 pm.

Ashes are a mark of repentance and humility. Ashes help us remember that we are mortal, and that our lives are dependent upon the graciousness of God. Ash Wednesday is not a dreary or morbid exercise, but a way of turning toward God to receive forgiveness and the promise of new life.

We will also use this service to introduce the "three simple rules", our Lenten theme.

## Sunday Scriptures and Themes: February 2016

### February 7: Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35. *Moses so reflects the glory of God that it is dangerous to look at him.*

Psalms 99. *"The Lord our God is holy."*

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2. *In Christ we can see and reflect God's glory in the power of the Spirit.*

Luke 9:28-43. *A healing miracle follows the vision of Jesus shining with the Father's glory.*

Theme: "Seeing God's Glory?"

### February 14: The First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11. *The "creed" of the Israelite is the history of his covenant with God.*

Psalms 91. *God will protect his people.*

Romans 10:8-13. *The "creed" of the Christian is an assurance of what God has done for him.*

Luke 4:1-13. *Tempted by the power of evil, Jesus resists and trusts in his Father.*

Theme: Do No Harm: Understanding the Rule"

### February 21: The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18. *God makes a covenant with Abram (Abraham).*

Psalms 27. *"The Lord is my light and my salvation."*

Philippians 3:17-4:1. *Believers in Christ move from sin's humiliation to Christ's glory.*

Luke 13:31-35. *Jesus taunts Herod, and speaks of his coming death in Jerusalem.*

Theme: "Do No Harm: Practicing the Rule"

### February 28: The Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 *God seeks all people everywhere to feast with him and to join his covenant.*

Psalms 63:1-8 *The Psalmist imagines God's presence as a banquet and an oasis in the desert.*

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 *Take care that you do not abuse God's good gifts.*

Luke 13:1-9 *Jesus calls for repentance, and for the good fruits of a holy life.*

Theme: "Do Good: Understanding the Rule"

## Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerial Alliance 4TH TUESDAY COMMUNITY FREE FELLOWSHIP FEAST

4:30 — 6:00 pm

Tues., February 23, 2016

The United Church of Sandwich

512 Lions Rd.

Sandwich, IL 60548

(815)786-9243



## Meals on Wheels needs us in Feb!

The month of February is when UCS provides volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. Please help with this important ministry to our older neighbors. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office to volunteer. It takes about two hours a day; we usually work in teams of two.

- Looking for fellowship? Join us!
- Having trouble making ends meet? Join us!
- Love community dinners? Join us!
- Need a ride? Give us a call!
- Like to help to provide food? Give us a call!

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Invite your friends and family to come as well!

Future Dates for:

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 @ Union Congregational Church

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 @ Salem Lutheran Church



## A Bowl of Thanks

†Thank you to my volunteers for helping with the newsletter assembly, stewardship campaign and Christmas letter mailing last month.

Heidi Eaton

## Mission of the Month

### *ChildServ*

Founded in 1894 by Methodist Deaconesses, ChildServ's mission is to help children and their families build better lives through an array of services for children, youth and their families in under-resourced communities in Lake, DuPage and Cook counties. ChildServ promotes early childhood learning, helps parents strengthen relationships with their children, provides care for children of working parents, and helps children and youth become successful in school. At ChildServ parents gain the skills that they need. It ensures that children and youth who need families live in safe, nurturing homes. ChildServ serves about 3,700 children, youth, and parents each year. Websites: [childserv.org](http://childserv.org)

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING FRIENDS**

**A monthly forum for believers from area churches and friends to learn about a topic of mutual interest.**

- † **When:** 1st Wednesday of each month, 9:00-10:00 am
- † **Where:** Federated Church, Sandwich, IL  
403 N. Main St., 815-786-8595  
[www.sandwichfederatedchurch.org](http://www.sandwichfederatedchurch.org)
- † **Does it cost?** No. All programs are free.
- † **Do you have to sign up?** No. Come when the topic interests you.
- † **What:** Here are programs for upcoming months:

Wed Feb 3: Hospice: Quality of Care at Life's End  
Contact: Rev. Terry Jenson

Wed Mar 2: Lenten Community Breakfast & Devotion

Wed Apr 6: Disaster Preparedness: Who Does What?

Wed May 4: Serving the World's Needy Children  
Contact: Rev. Kirk Scott

Sponsored by Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerium. If you have an idea for a program, tell your pastor!

THANKS  
GIVING

January 3	\$3479.00
January 10	\$1765.82
January 17	\$2723.00
January 24	<u>\$1840.00</u>
Total	\$9807.00
Our generous gifts glorify God!	

## Chili and Soup Supper

### **Sponsored by the United Methodist Men**

#### ALL YOU CAN EAT

Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup

Dessert

Beverage

Available for purchase \$3.00:

Chili Dogs & Hot dogs



Wednesday, February 17, 2016

4:00 – 7:00 pm

Adults: \$8.00

Children 6-12: \$3.00

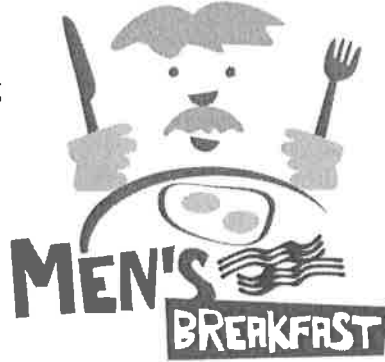
Children under 6: Free

If you are a shut in or cannot drive, we will deliver. To purchase tickets in advance see any United Methodist Men member.



## Next Men's breakfast Feb. 7, 7:30 am

All men are welcome to our men's group first Sunday breakfasts: 7:30 am in the Friendship Corner. Next meeting is February 7. The men of UCS have a good time together at our monthly breakfasts. Join us!



## Powerful Tools for Caregivers

If you regularly spend time helping a loved one with errands, personal care, living arrangements, financial and legal concerns or other activities, you are a caregiver. This six-week course is designed to give you the tools to take care of yourself as you provide care. Classes are held at KishHealth System Hospice, Tuesdays, March 8-April 12, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Call Sue Goudy at 815-756-3000 to register or for more information. Classes and The Caregiver Helpbook are no cost to participants, but registration is required.

## Indoor Flea Market

**NEW!** This church fundraiser is available to anyone that wants to sell their treasures! Clean your closets, your garage, gather all your goodies. Knick Knacks, Collectables, Household miscellaneous, clothing and/or whatever you have and make some money!

The sale will be held inside on March 5, 2016 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. To participate "rent" an 8 ft. table for only \$15.00 which is provided, (maximum of 2 tables per family at \$15 each). Electric is available for an additional \$10 per table. Sellers may sell any item unless prohibited by law, guns, mattresses, animals, etc. All "treasures" must fit on the table. Clothes racks are permitted but will take the place of a table and the \$15 fee will apply. If a seller prefers not to have a table, the space of an 8ft table will be provided for the \$15 fee. Advertising and a concession coupon are included in the \$15 table fee. Sellers must remain set up the entire sale time, and are responsible for their own table set up, tear down, clean up, cash box, taking home items that don't sell and any empty boxes! Set up begins at 7:30 am on March 5, for an additional \$5 set up is available from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, March 4. This is a church fundraiser. The church will not be responsible for any valuables, tables left unattended or any accidents. Sellers must reserve and pay for the table space in advance.

Contact the church at 815.786.9243 or call Christine at 815.786.243

**Reserve your space today!**

Buyers: The Flea Market opens at 9:00 am. No early birds please. Payment for items must be made at each individual table. Don't like to flea market, come for lunch! Bakery goods and concessions available for purchase. Donation of baked goods is welcome.



## 2016 COMMUNITY LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES

The Federated Church  
403 N. Main St., Sandwich  
Wednesdays, 9:00—10:00 a.m.



- February 10** "I Am The Bread of Life" (John 6:35-40)  
Pastor Dan DeWitt, Federated Church of Sandwich
- February 17** "I Am The Lord" (Exodus 3:1-17; John 10:30)  
Pastor William Weidenback, Jr., St. John's Lutheran Church of Somonauk
- February 24** "I Am The Light of the World" (John 9:1-15)  
Pastor Steve Mindrup, United Church of Sandwich
- March 2** "I Am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:1-18)  
Pastor Wayne Derber, Salem Lutheran Church of Sandwich
- March 9** "I Am The Way, Truth, Life" (John 14:1-6)  
Pastor Chuck Maney, Union Congregational of Somonauk
- March 16** "I Am The True Vine" (John 15:1-17)  
Pastor Joe MacDonald, Emmanuel Church of Sandwich

Please join us for a continental breakfast, fellowship, worship, prayer and study!  
Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to attend.  
A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund.  
Call the office at the Federated Church with any questions: 815-786-8595.

## February Worship Assistants

### **Greeters**

2/07/16

Ash Wednesday 2/10/16

2/14/16

2/21/16

2/28/16

Jerry & Nancy Brown

Carole Strock

Matt & Joanna Olson

Chet Carpenter &

Lori Prickett

Doug Reiners

### **Ushers**

2/07/16

Ash Wednesday 2/10/16

2/14/16

2/21/16

2/28/16

Earl Shafer &

Doug Reiners

Al & Myrtie Warren

Jim & Lori Updike

Matt & Joanna Olson

Monty & Betty Reiners

### **Liturgists**

2/07/16

Ash Wednesday 2/10/16

2/14/16

2/21/16

2/28/16

Sarah Stevens

Pam Nehring

Bonnie Miller

Laura Olson

Sandy Whities

### **Flowers**

2/07/16

Ash Wednesday 2/10/16

2/14/16

2/21/16

2/28/16

Earl Shaffer

### **Communion Bread**

2/07/16

Ash Wednesday 2/10/16

2/21/16

Bev Lowe

### **Acolytes**

2/07/16

Ash Wednesday 2/10/16

2/14/16

2/21/16

2/28/16

### **February Communion Ministers**

Jim, Lori & Clint Updike



2/01

Verne Strothman

2/02

Scott Rogers

2/03

Melanie Vegrzyn

2/04

Blake Stahl

2/05

Kevin Fox

2/07

Pastor Steve Mindrup

Gerrad Dannewitz

2/08

Melba Shaffer

2/10

Heidi Heiman

2/14

Jennifer Whitmer

Kevin Carr

2/15

Amanda Olson

2/18

Kevin Duy

2/21

John Swander Sr.

2/23

Spencer Keene

2/24

Joan Banko

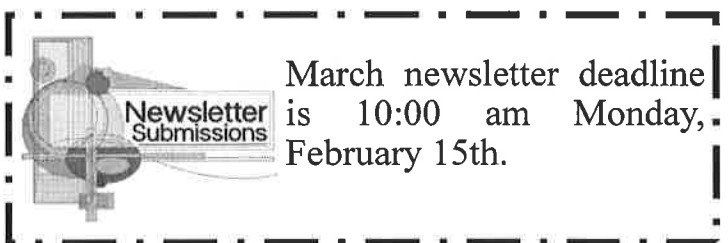
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Eleanor Anderson

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JoAnn Schafer

Joanna Olson



**Grief support group  
continues February 11**

"Healing with Hope", our monthly grief support group will meet next on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 1:30 pm. Our leader is Erin Mitchell, a bereavement counselor from KishHealth System Hospice.

Future direction of the group will be determined by the needs of our participants. Everyone is welcome to attend; if you know of someone who might benefit from a group like this, let them know. You need not be a member of UCS to participate. Speak to Pastor Steve or to Vivian McMaster if you have questions.

**SOUP TO GO**

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring this event on Sunday, February 7th. We are looking for soup makers and soup buyers - and you are encouraged to do both. The homemade soups are put in quart or pint size glass jars. If you do not have jars, they are available from years past and will be available for the next two Sundays. You may also use plastic if you have those. We usually have a good variety with everyone making their favorite recipe. The soup makers can be male or female, no restrictions there. We are keeping the price the same as previous years: quart- \$5.00 and pint- 2.50. This is one of our fundraisers to support missions for UMW. We thank you in advance for participating in this event.




*Easter Lilies*  
**Spring Plant**

**Lilies**

7" with pot cover

\$15.00

**Spring Plant**

6-1/2" with pot cover

\$15.00

**Orders are due no later than February 28, 2016.**

**Please makes checks payable to The United Church of Sandwich.  
Orders may be dropped in the offering plate or brought to church office.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$15.00 per plant)


# of Spring Plants: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$15.00 per plant)

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment must be included with order form.**



# February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 pm Uniter's	2 4-5:15 pm Girl Scout Junior meeting 	3 6:00 pm Prayer Group  6:30 Chimes practice  7:30 Choir practice	4 1:00 pm Hope Circle  4-5:15 pm Girl Scout Daisy/Brownie meeting	5	6
7 UMW Soup To Go 7:30 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	8	9 1:30 pm Lenten Bible Study  6:00 pm Trustees	10 9:00 Lenten Breakfast  7:00 pm 	11 9:30 am UMW  1:30 pm Grief Support Group  6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study	12	13
14 8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Worship Committee 	15 10:00 am  	16 1:30 pm Lenten Bible Study  4-5:15 pm Girl Scout Junior meeting	17 9:00 Lenten Breakfast 4-7:00 pm UMM Chili Soup Supper 6:00 pm Prayer Group 6:30 Chimes practice 7:30 Choir Practice	18 4-5:15 pm Girl Scout Daisy/Brownie meeting  6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study	19	20
21 8:45 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion	22	23 1:30 pm Lenten Bible Study  4:30-6:00 pm 4th Tuesday Community Free Fellowship Feast @ The United Church of Sand-	24 9:00 Lenten Breakfast  6:30 Chimes Practice  7:30 Choir Practice	25 9:00 am Newsletters Assembly  6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study	26	27
28 Easter Flower orders Due 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship	29 					



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 Sandwich, IL 60548-2147

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

February 2016



**The United Church of Sandwich**

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Church: (815) 786-9243

New Email: [ucssandwich@frontier.com](mailto:ucssandwich@frontier.com)

website: [www.unitedchurchsandwich.org](http://www.unitedchurchsandwich.org)

**Worship Services**

Sunday 10:00 am

◆ Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

**Church Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

**The Rev. Steven Mindrup**

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
 or by appointment

Email: [pastormindrup@gmail.com](mailto:pastormindrup@gmail.com)

Mobile: 815.988.4992

Kelley Mindrup's mobile: 815-988-7075

**Church Staff**

Ministers  
 Church Secretary  
 Choir & Chimes Director  
 Organist/Pianist

All Members  
 Heidi Eaton  
 Kevin Duy  
 Carol Larson



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**Church Administrative Council**

Church Council Chair	Reid Heinekamp
Treasurer	Pam Nehring
Financial Secretary	Pat Hallaron
Finance/Stewardship Chair	David Hunt
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Chair	Deb Heinekamp
Lay Leader	Sarah Stevens
Trustees Chair	Matt Olson
Annual Conf Delegate	Bonnie Miller

**Ministry Areas**

Missions/Evangelism Chair	Ed & Jane Heyer
Memorial/Endowment Chair	Phyllis Whitehead
United Methodist Women	Myrtie Warren
United Methodist Men	